



County of Riverside
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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STEVE VAN STOCKUM, DIRECTOR

Date: December 13, 2017

System No. 3301359

Kennedy Grocery
Attn: Gilbert Ramirez
56400 Monroe St.
La Quinta, CA 92253

Enclosed is Citation No. 05_63_17C_017 issued to Kennedy Grocery public water system.

Any person who is aggrieved by a Citation issued by the Riverside County LPA may file a petition with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for reconsideration of the Citation. Petitions must be received by the State Water Board within 30 calendar days of the issuance of the Citation. The date of issuance is the date when the Riverside County LPA mails or serves a copy of the Citation, whichever occurs first. If the 30th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition is due the following business day. Petitions must be received by 5:00 p.m. Information regarding filing petitions may be found at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/petitions/index.shtml

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (760) 863-7570.

Sincerely,

Jackie Jones, REHS
Environmental Health Specialist

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**CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE – WATER SYSTEM NO. 3301359
NO. 05_63_17C_017**

Re: Kennedy Grocery
LPA #3301359
56400 Monroe St.
La Quinta, CA 92253

Date: December 13, 2017

To: Kennedy Grocery
Attn: Gilbert Ramirez
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La Quinta, CA 92253

Section 116650, Article 9, Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 104 of the California Health and Safety Code (H&S Code), authorizes the issuance of a citation for failure to comply with the requirements of the California Safe Drinking Water Act, or any regulation, standard, permit order issued there under.

VIOLATION

The Department of Environmental Health (Department), hereby issues a citation to Kennedy Grocery for the following violation:

Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 64426.1 (b) (2). Specifically, Kennedy Grocery failed the Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) during the month of October 2017 and November 2017: For a public water system which collects fewer than 40 samples per month, more than one sample collected during any month is total coliform-positive.

Title 22 of the CCR, Section 64430. Specifically, Kennedy Grocery failed to sample the well after receiving a total coliform present result from the distribution system.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

This is a Transient Non-Community water system serving a retail store and one single family home.

The well is a deep 6 inch diameter well with a submersible pump. The well is located in a below grade pit. The water pumps from the well into two 500 gallon pressure tanks, then out into the distribution system.

Recent History:

On October 3, 2017, Gilbert Ramirez, Kennedy Grocery owner, received a Citation for non-compliance (05_63_17C_012) dated October 3, 2017. The Citation was due to multiple total coliform results in August 2017.

On October 31, 2017, Ramirez collected five routine bacteria samples, as per the Total Coliform Rule: well, house faucet #1, house faucet #2, inside store faucet #1 and inside store faucet #2. The laboratory notified this Department on November 1, 2017, and reported the following results: the well, the house faucet #2 and both samples from the inside store faucet were total coliform present/E.coli absent. The house faucet #1 was total coliform absent. This Department notified Ramirez on November 1, 2017, and instructed him to properly chlorinate, flush and take four resamples.

On November 2, 2017, Ramirez collected five follow up bacteria samples: mop sink, inside store faucet #1, inside store faucet #2, home inside faucet #1 and home inside faucet #2. The laboratory notified Ramirez and this Department on November 3, 2017 and reported the following results: the mop sink, the inside store faucet #2 and both home inside faucets were total coliform present/E.coli absent. The inside store faucet #1 was total coliform absent. The well was not sampled. The Department notified Ramirez on November 3, 2017, and instructed him to resample. In addition, he was instructed to sample the well and have the laboratory enumerate the well results.

On November 7, 2017, this Department notified Ramirez and instructed him to maintain a chlorine residual of 1.0 ppm to 1.5 ppm in the water system for approximately two weeks. He was instructed to discontinue the chlorination by November 20, 2017.

On November 8, 2017, Ramirez collected four bacteria resamples: well, mop sink, inside store faucet and home inside faucet. All results were absent for total coliform bacteria. The well was enumerated with the result of <1.0 MPN/100 mL. Ramirez stated that the chlorine residual was ~1.0 ppm.

As per the Federal Revised Total Coliform Rule, a Level 1 Assessment was triggered after the October 31, 2017, results. It was completed by Ramirez on November 5, 2017, and returned to this Department on November 21, 2017. The summary attributed the possible cause of the total coliform results to be from system repairs and then lack of properly disinfecting the well and water system. Corrective actions included being educated on properly disinfecting the water system and well.

On November 8, 2017, a Level 2 Assessment was completed by this Department. In addition, a reinspection on the violations from February 1, 2017, and a follow up from the Administrative Hearing Decision from August 15, 2017, was completed by this Department. The chlorine residual was measured during the inspection and measured ~1.0 ppm.

On November 28, 2017, Ramirez collected five routine bacteria samples: well, mop sink faucet #1, prep sink faucet #1, mop sink faucet #2 and prep sink faucet #2. All results were absent for total coliform bacteria. The well result was <1.0 MPN/100 mL. Ramirez stated that the chlorine residual at the well and water system was 0.0 ppm.

All consumers served by this water system were notified of this violation, as required in Section 64426.1 (c). A Resolved Tier 2 Notice was submitted to Gilbert Ramirez on November 29, 2017. Proof of Notification was provided to this Department. The Proof indicated that the Tier 2 Notice was posted in conspicuous locations throughout the area served and remained posted for at least 7 days. The Proof of Notification stated that it was completed on December 8, 2017.

DIRECTIVES

Your public water system must be maintained so that the total coliform MCL is not violated.

Sample the routine bacteriological sample for the first quarter 2018 in January 2018.

Continued total coliform present results may result in the requirement of an approved chlorination system and a certified water operator.

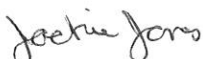
The required coliform bacteria follow-up sampling to an unsatisfactory routine sample is described below. This must be completed each and every time that a routine coliform bacteria sampling is unsatisfactory.

1. Within 24 hours of being notified of an unsatisfactory coliform bacteria result by your laboratory, collect four resamples. If you are unable to collect the resamples within 24 hours, contact this Department. Collect the resamples at the sample tap where the unsatisfactory sample was taken, an upstream sample within five service connections of the unsatisfactory site, a downstream sample within five service connections of the unsatisfactory site, and **a sample at the source(s) of water for the distribution system.**
2. If any of the resamples are unsatisfactory, additional sets of resamples must be taken. Contact this Department for guidance.
3. In the month following the unsatisfactory sample collect five coliform bacteria samples.

FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Failure to comply with this notice and/or failure to comply with Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations may result in assessment of administrative penalties. This Department does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this citation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (760) 863-7570.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.

Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Kennedy Grocery Had Levels of Coliform Bacteria Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. We took five (5) samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria during October 2017. Four (4) of those samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. We took five resamples in November 2017. Four (4) of those samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than 1 sample per month may do so.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*
- Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing, and further testing shows that this problem has been resolved.**
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What was done?

- The well and distribution system has been disinfected and additional resamples do not show presence of coliform bacteria.
- We took 5 routine samples on November 28, 2017. All results were absent for coliform bacteria.

For more information, please contact Gilbert Ramirez at (760) 399-1916.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Secondary Notification Requirements

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- **SCHOOLS:** Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- **RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS** (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- **BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS:** Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

This notice is being sent to you by Kennedy Grocery.

State Water System ID#: 3301359. Date distributed: _____.

PROOF OF NOTIFICATION

NAME OF WATER SYSTEM Kennedy Grocery

WATER SYSTEM NUMBER 3301359

As required by the California Health and Safety Code, this acknowledges that I have notified the users of this water system that the water supplied by Kennedy Grocery exceeded the total coliform bacteria maximum contaminant level in October and November 2017 which is a violation of the California Safe Drinking Water Standards. The Tier 2 Notice was posted in conspicuous locations throughout the area served and posted for at least 7 days.

This notification was made using the following method(s);

Public Posting of Notice

Date completed

Dec 8 2017

Gilbert Ramirez Jr

Print Name


Signature of Water System Representative